## Resource Highlight: 78th Legislature Committee Minutes

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Committee minutes from the 78th Legislature have been scanned and are available in the LRL's committee minutes database.

House and Senate committee minutes are a valuable resource for understanding the work that goes into crafting legislation. Scanned minutes may also include other committee documentation, including agendas, exhibits, hearing notices, press releases, rules, testimony, transcripts, and vote sheets.

Of particular interest as the Legislature prepares for the next round of redistricting is the 78th's Redistricting committee records (with Texas Legislative Council plans, maps, and court documents). More court documents that are not in the minutes can be found here: https://lrl.texas.gov/legis/redistricting/redistrictDocs.cfm.

Below are some other interesting items that can now be found in our database:

House

Corrections (H) (with testimony 2/18/2003)

Licensing and Administrative Procedures (H) (with a statement of intent for HB 2689 by Keffer, 4/3/2003)

Senate

Criminal Justice (S) (transcript 1/4/2005, testimony 3/10/2004)

Finance (S) (Comptroller Strayhorn's report to Senate Finance Subcommittee on State Contracting Practices, September 16, 2004)

Joint

Long-Term Care, Legislative Oversight (J) (testimony/exhibits both dates) Nutrition and Health in Public Schools (J) (testimony/exhibits both dates) Public School Finance, Select (J) (testimony/exhibits 9/10/2003, 3/4/2004)

The LRL database also allows users access to committee documents from House, Senate, and Joint committees, 63rd-77th Legislatures (1973-2001), as well as to search for minutes from the 78th-85th Legislatures that are available through Texas Legislature Online.